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## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

*O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!*

*AMERICA! AMERICA!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!*

JULY 1968

GLAD Tidings

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD,  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT



## We Are Sick

During a run-in with people whom J. Edgar Hoover might call disciples of the "gospel of nihilism" we took a Christian stance, insisting that God is man's last hope. We were interrupted by a bearded churl who said with a sneer, "It's like you're sick, man!"

He wasn't far off. We *are* sick! For one thing, we are sick of unwashed, unruly potheads who shoot from the lip at our generation.

We are sick of living with unflagging tensions that are due to the condition of our cities. We are appalled at watching metropolitan areas roar into ruin while human pack rats carry off people's hard-earned property, joking with each other as they do it—and police stand by under orders to hold their fire.

We are sick of hearing people say it had to be this way in order for the Negro to get his rights. Deeply as we deplore the injustices done to Negroes, we cannot believe that turning our great American cities into torches will right our wrongs.

We are sick from the feeling, which refuses to go away, that someone is out to make this not a better world but a far worse one. Whether there is a "conspiracy" afoot we will leave to those in the know; or whether the Communists have a big hand in this business we can't be sure—even if we have the thought that the Communists might not want to let this opportunity pass without setting a few fires. But we are certain that anarchy threatens to overwhelm order in this country if our present madness is not stopped.

We are sick, too, of the way our government seems to approach this problem. It appears to think that if we pour enough money over the conflagration it will go out. This seems a sort of insanity. We favor every community's getting rid of slums and we cry loud for civil rights for all people, colored, colorless, or multicolored. But, in heaven's name, what has civil rights got to do with Negroes' making Negroes homeless through the use of Molotov cocktails?

All authentic civil-rights leaders denounce these slaughterous rampages in our streets. Only the out-and-out revolutionaries—those fireheads who cry for black men to take up arms against "whitey"—shout in favor of this horror. If these men are civil rights workers, Charlie McCarthy was a Marxist!

We *are* sick, we repeat, at our government's idea that *money* can end anarchy in our streets. Do you stop hoodlums by paying them to stop? The government's very thought of trying to stem criminality with a dollar sign appears to imply that the vast majority of Negroes are rebels against the democratic order and can be pacified

with sufficient funds. Any intelligent person, black or white, is aware that the great body of Negroes in America are simply people trying to live normal lives, asking only that they be treated as human beings equal to all other human beings. They do not follow the black-power revolutionaries. And the Negro leader who said that all Negroes *have* to be either radicals or Uncle Toms spoke out of either demagoguery or stupidity. The people who burned millions of dollars' worth of property in Detroit were not representative of the majority of Negroes in that city; in fact, the Negroes were the ones who lost the most.

We are sick of hearing that civil-rights injustices triggered all this insane violence. Some cities that have tried hard to obtain justice for the Negro, that even felt they were approaching the day of justice, were hard hit by the murderous goings-on. One governor maintains that less than 5 per cent of the Negro population in a riot-rent city in his state brought off the violence there—and most of them had criminal records! Almost to a man the mayors of these tortured cities agree that the destroyers in the streets were scarcely *interested* in civil rights as such.

We are sick of observing civil officials who think they can control an inferno with a water gun. The law must operate, right in those mad streets. It must be unflinching, impartial, and authoritative. No man, black or white or in-between, is safe when the law is violated with impunity.

We are also sick of clergymen who manage somehow to exonerate the hoodlum rioters and put the blame for the calamity on countless innocent people who have always stood ready to assist the downtrodden. Even when we manage to love everybody, a burning city is still a fearful sight. God's love never lessens his demand for *order*. That committed Christian, Paul, insisted that God had sanctified the sword of Caesar's law and made its bearer His minister (Romans 13).

We are sick of those pulpits and religious publications that in seeking a solution to our problems advocate a compromise with evil rather than pronouncing judgment upon all wrong and presenting the Gospel of grace, which can give men a motivation for ethical living in the human situation.

We are sick of experts who offer nothing but pacification and prosperity to guerrilla terrorists as they cry louder and louder to our world, "Burn, baby, burn!"

In brief, we are sick of being so long sick while everybody keeps locking the door against the one Physician who can save us. □



## DRUGS, DROP-OUTS and SANITY

Bruce Shelley  
Action/Spring 1968

Some fundamental preacher could have shouted it over NBC-TV at prime time and every viewer would have reached for his channel dial. After all, who listens to preachers today? But it wasn't a preacher; it was a psychiatrist. And the chief of psychiatry for Harvard's University Health Services no less!

The message, however, was the same. Dr. Graham B. Blaine, Jr., in the January issue of the *ACADEMY OF RELIGION AND MENTAL HEALTH* magazine wrote: "Some say that the alienated youth of today are trying to transmit an important message to our generation. But it seems to me that it has been a peculiarly half-baked one so far . . . Their attempts to live by love alone led not to some glorious Nirvana, but instead to bitterness, rivalry, and finally violence . . . hippies found that a world without discipline led only to chaos.

"The main difference between the short-lasting philosophy of the love-in generation and the long-lasting Christian religion," Dr. Blaine concluded, "is the presence in the latter of absolutes which provide the structure that seems to be essential for the existence of a relatively harmonious society."

What a commentary on the liberal wing of the churches! While it pronounces a blessing upon social irresponsibility, sexual freedom and drug diets by comparing the dropout crowd to early Christians, a psychiatrist reasserts the indispensability of personal discipline and moral absolutes for any sane society. Such is the irony of a generation which refuses to take the Bible's word for it.

Action/Spring 1968  
Bruce Shelley



New Station — KPLY — Crescent City, Ca. 1240 KC — Time: Sunday, 8 a.m. Sponsored by Crescent City Assembly of God.

"Colonel Sanders' Kentucky Fried Chicken," A new dimension has been added to the life of 'Colonel Sanders' and his life story of his search for spiritual reality and his recent conversion experience is now available in 'Revivaltime's' famous little miniature book.

Write: Revivaltime, P.O. Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.

## JULY 21 — BETHANY RETIREMENT HOME DAY

The General Council Assemblies will observe the month of July as a time to remember the needs of Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Florida. Many of these aged ministers, missionaries, and their widows come to Bethany with no financial resources and because of their years of service to the church, the care they need is provided. The average which these friends provide is only 20% of the total cost of their care. 80% of their cost must be provided by churches and friends. Few churches have sent in love offerings in the past. The average cost to provide care for these friends now runs more than \$300 per month. Many of these 'senior soldiers of the Cross' have nowhere to go nor anyone to care for them. They have spent years in the ministry and now must depend on the compassion and concern of the Assemblies of God whom they have served so well."

Contributions should be designated: Bethany Retirement Home and sent through the local Assembly.

## District History

A reader has written to suggest that we add some interesting data to the Superintendent's Report which appeared in the April *Glad Tidings*. Although the report did not attempt to give a complete history of the District's 50 years of progress, we are glad to call these items to your attention.

"Clarence Radley was the first District Secretary-Treasurer, before he went to the mission field. Robert Doherty was C. A. President, appointed when Wesley Steelberg left the District. Paul Radley was elected in 1937 and served for four years after which he was succeeded by Harold Lehmann who was followed by Oliver Foth.

## Sgt. Donald Calvin Honored

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 10—Marine Staff Sergeant Donald A. Calvin, Chief, Radio-TV Section, Division of Information, Headquarters, Marine Corps, was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal in ceremonies here today.

This is the third award the Leatherneck sergeant has received for Vietnam service. The first, awarded in Vietnam, was the Certificate of Commendation from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (for journalism). The second, awarded from Marine Aircraft Group—16, was awarded for his religious activity as a part-time chaplain in that combat zone.

He is the former associate pastor of the San Bruno Assembly, San Bruno, California, and presently serves (in addition to full-time Marine duty) as Youth Director and Assistant Pastor, Calvary Gospel Church, A/G, Arlington, Va.

(Ed: Sergeant Calvin is an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God and a member of this Northern California-Nevada District).

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### HOLDCROFT RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

The Rev. Leslie T. Holdcroft, who for the past 21 years has been associated with Bethany Bible College as faculty member, Dean of Education, and Vice-President, was recently granted the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the College. The conferral was made at the College graduation exercises on May 25, at the Redwood Auditorium on campus. Dr. Holdcroft will leave Bethany on July 1, to assume the presidency of the

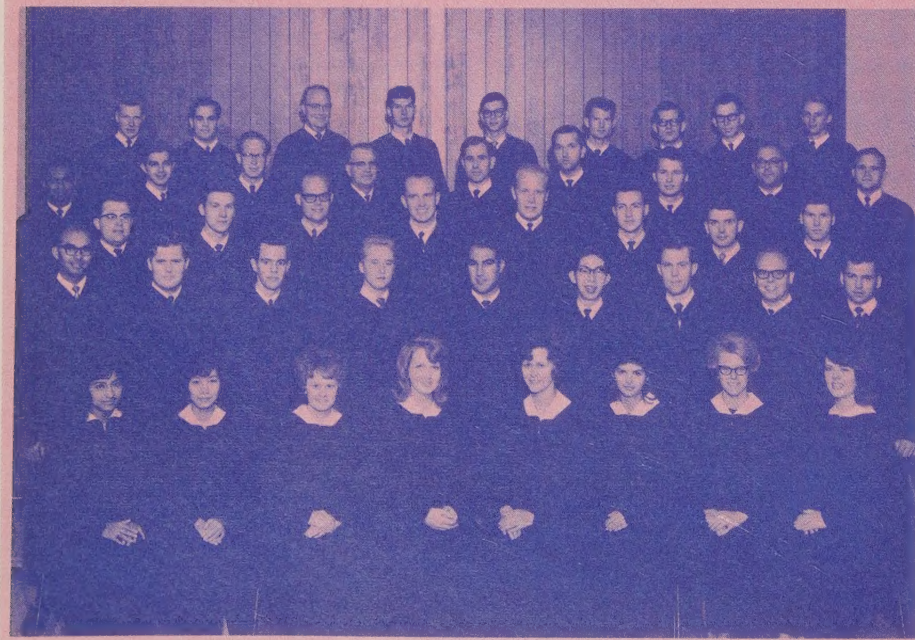
Western Pentecostal Bible College in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

In a statement read during the ceremonies by Dr. C. C. Burnett, President of Bethany, Holdcroft was cited for "his influence and impact upon Christian Education" as well as "a deep devotion to the highest and best and a humility that exhibited true saintliness."

(CONCLUDED BOTTOM OF NEXT COLUMN)

### 50 GRADUATES IN CLASS OF '68

LEFT TO RIGHT (Front Row) Naomi Triemstra, Lima, Peru; Wendy Pulger, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Edith Abraham, Brooklyn, Ohio; Phillis Olson, Redding, Ca.; Carol Tellis, Linden, Ca.; Carol Herzog, Memphis, Tenn.; Sharon Curran, Sunnyvale, Ca.; Sue Wiley, Santa Clara, Ca. (Second Row) Ron Shaw, Calcutta, India; Joe Bowling, Baker, Ore.; Dan Jeanrenaud, Brisbane, Australia; Stanley Way, Fremont, Ca.; Ken Owen, Vallejo, Ca.; Haruo Yamake, Saitarmaken, Japan (diploma); Marcus Reid, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Heinz Schulz, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Larry Pate, Santa Cruz, Ca. (Third Row) Lawrence Musil, Dallas, Ore.; James Carson, Memphis, Tenn.; Warren Boyd, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Daniel Greenlee, Santa Clara, Ca.; Wesley Redding, Santa Cruz, Ca.; John Scheel, Santa Cruz, Ca. (Fourth Row) P. T. Mammen, Calcutta, India; Fred Mora Jr., Fresno, Ca.; William Gibson, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Carl White, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Robert Harkins, Watsonville, Ca.; Lawrence Baldwin, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Steven Fauvor, San Jose, Ca.; William Martin, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Donald Yates, Petaluma, Ca. (Fifth Row) David Hooker, Woodland, Ca.; Richard Harbison, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Wheeler Anderson, Santa Cruz, Ca.; Jerold Killion, Newark, Ca.; Gerald Sheppard, San Pablo, Ca.; James Billings, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; Ronald Berglund, Sandy, Ore.; Lewis Shelton, Santa Cruz, Ca.; David Freeman, Santa Cruz, Ca. Not pictured) Patricia Allen, Tulsa, Okla.; David Bright, Memtone, Ca.; Susan Burger, N. Wayzata, Minn.; Marvin Erisman, Oakville, Ont. Canada; Howard McAnney, Mill Valley, Ca.; Thomas Needham, San Jose, Ca.; Jack Wien, Castro Valley, Ca.



### BETHANAIRE TO VISIT CAMPMEETING

The Bethanaires, currently on their 1968 Summer Tour of the Western States, will visit the Bethany Park Camp Meeting on July 2-4. They will minister in the C. A. vesper services and the regular evening meetings.

The group is composed of Kaye Blackwood, Memphis, Tennessee; Ramon Talley, Granite City, Illinois; Sue Vickery, Santa Cruz, Calif.; Ken Jones, Granite City, Illinois; and Janice Peacock of Richmond,



Calif., pianist. Rev. Dewey Short, an instructor at Bethany, is traveling with the singers, who will conclude the first half of their tour on July 1.

Having spent the month of June in the State of Oregon, the Bethanaires will leave Santa Cruz, on July 5 to hold services in Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Southern California. Rev. Ray Shelton, Director of Student Ministries at Bethany, will accompany the group on the second half of the tour.

The team will return to the College on August 5.

Dr. Holdcroft joined the Bethany faculty (then Glad Tidings Bible Institute) in September, 1947. He had previously taught for three years at his alma mater, the Western Bible College of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

He consolidated his previous studies to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State College, and later received the Masters of Arts degree from San Jose State College. Subsequent work was done

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

All news in this section is printed as contributed by the Assemblies. We welcome brief reports from all of our Churches and Evangelists. All photos should be sharp, high contrast, black and white glossy.

news about  
district  
person-  
alities  
and  
churches

### CLEARLAKE HIGHLAND ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . recently had Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hill, of Colusa, for a revival meeting. The attendance was very good, several were saved, one filled with the Holy Spirit and all were blessed in a wonderful way."

Pastor and Mrs. W. C. McPheeters

### CLAYTON VALLEY, NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH REPORTS . . .

. . . "24 received the Holy Spirit, 15 were saved, and several outstanding healings took place in a recent meeting with Evangelist Jack Reddick. In two years, this community church has developed into an entirely Full Gospel Assembly with all teachers of our Sunday School Spirit-filled, and most officers baptized in the Holy Spirit. We thank God for the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit upon the services and the unity among the people.

"Our revival was followed with a C. A. rally with Reverend Jim Argue, guest speaker. Numerous teenagers accept Christ and many rededicated their lives following Reverend Argue's challenging message. The church was filled to capacity,"

Pastor Harold Donaldson

### MISSIONARY EVANGELIST AND

### MRS. VIRGIL T. ELDRIDGE . . .

. . . have written of the thrilling 'break-through' for the Full Gospel witness in the world's smallest kingdom, TONGA. This small island is a part of the Polynesian group of islands.

### EXANGELIST-TEACHER GEORGE HOLMES

. . . reports from Minnesota of good meetings in North Dakota and some of the Minnesota Assemblies.

### SACRAMENTO, FAITH ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . *Apologies* to Pastor Hazen and the congregation of Faith Assembly in Sacramento, California, for the error in the caption in Glad Tidings last month, page 7. Faith Assembly is not located in Stockton as the heading stated but in Sacramento.

### MODESTO, BETHEL CHURCH . . .

. . . Pastor and Mrs. L. B. Lewis, who have served Bethel Church so faithfully for a number of years, have now entered full-time evangelistic ministry. Their daughter, Arletta, is planning to travel with them and assist in the music.

Reverend Theodore E. Ness has been elected to serve Bethel Church as Pastor.

### EVANGELIST H. O. McMILIN . . .

. . . reports good services in some of the Assemblies of the District including Hoopa and Willow Creek.

(Ed: Our District Evangelists all need the cooperation of our Pastors and Assemblies in scheduling meetings. It is becoming increasingly difficult for Evangelists to meet the economy of the day unless they pack their preaching schedules very full.)

### CALVARY TEMPLE, WATSONVILLE . . .

. . . Pastor A. A. Anderson has resigned and is now in full-time evangelistic ministry. He reports excellent meetings and wishes to let the Pastors know that he is available for services. Reverend Anderson is to be commended for the fine work he did in establishing Calvary Temple during his years of ministry in Watsonville.

## Congratulations!

**PASTOR AND MRS. ORVILLE EASTERLY, San Francisco, Calvary Tabernacle . . .**

. . . are proud parents of a little son, Rodney Todd, who arrived on May 11th.

**PASTOR AND MRS. LEE PAINO, Alameda,**

. . . welcomed Robert Sean on April 30th. This tiny little fellow weighed only 2 lbs. 11 ozs, so is in the Stanford Hospital until he is strong enough to be released to the parents. We trust he will grow rapidly and soon be able to go home.

## Sincere Sympathy

**REVEREND FELIPE JOHNSON . . .**

. . . graduated from Bethany Bible College and was busy for God in Evangelistic Meetings as he made plans to join his Mother, Mrs. Antonette Johnson, in Missionary-Evangelism in Brazil. On April 21, 1968, at his home in San Jose, Felipe was suddenly stricken and died al-



most immediately at the age of 23 years. Although we do not understand why such a young man, with so promising a future in the work of God, should have concluded his life on earth so early, we do know that he had wholly committed his life to Christ and was following Him with complete devotion and obedience. We pray that God will wonderfully comfort the Johnson family and will cause Felipe's short life to continue to be effective because of the Christlike influence and ministry which he had.

**CHAPLAIN EUMID N. FREEMAN . . .**

. . . writes from Fort Bliss, "The doors are open here for a Full Gospel ministry. My supervisory Chaplain has heartily approved a Monday night service with 'Pentecostal-Evangelistic flavor.' I praise God for this opportunity. Everyone is invited and attendance is higher than for any other evening service that has been held on this Post in the past year or so . . . Several have come to the Lord recently . . . it's such a joy to see the Lord at work."



**REV. HOLDCROFT  
ACCEPTS HONORARY  
DEGREE FROM  
BBC PREXY  
DR. BURNETT**

See Write-up on  
Opposite page (4)





**MENS  
FELLOWSHIP**

E. L. COLE  
President





## NEW "120" MEMBERS

### *Light for the Lost*

Merle E. Anthony  
John Bane  
Tom Blunt  
L. Dennison Bussell  
Ray Horwege, Sr.

### *Royal Rangers*

Eugene R. Coryell  
Teddy R. Hay

## LIGHT FOR THE LOST DISTRICT UNITS

Unit	Chairman
Butte, Capitol, & Northern Nevada.....	Clyde Romines
Central San Joaquin and Sierra Nevada.....	Dave Sondono
Coast Counties.....	Kenneth Titus
East Bay.....	J. Carl Jackson
Lake Berryessa & Lassen Plumas.....	Bill Lewallen
North Bay, Lake Mendocino & Redwood.....	Donald Harvey
No. San Joaquin.....	Edward Boehler
Peninsula.....	Theodore Rothe
South San Joaquin.....	Roy Richardson

Thus far, \$7,652.25 has been given to *Light for the Lost* literature for 1968.

# ASSEMBLY-MEN'S CONVENTION

OCTOBER 12, 1968

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

OAKLAND, CIVIC THEATER

Internationally known evangelist, *WILLARD CANTELON*, will be the guest speaker.

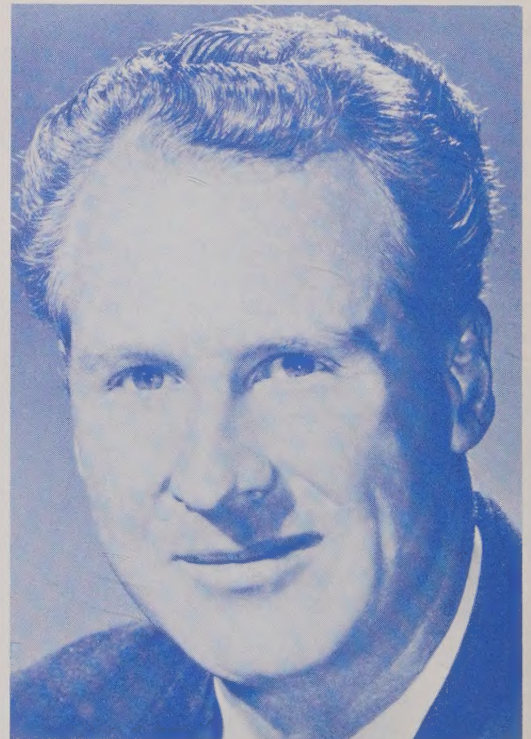


## PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

5:00 P.M. KAISER CENTER, OAKLAND

This banquet will be for all Convention guests.  
The M.F. Presidents of this District will be featured.

There will be accommodations for 1,000 people.





## SANTA ROSA "Y's"

Here is a portion of a letter received from the "Y" Advisors, Barbara Burchfield and Betty Bezzerides of First Assembly of God in Santa Rosa.

"We are so proud of our young ladies with their vision of service for Christ. Our girls are quite busy ladies. On Christmas they were off to our little adopted home of six emotionally disturbed children. These youngsters are mainly from broken homes, and they are so hungry for love. The girls remember each of the children on their birthday with a cake and ice cream.



"On Easter the girls gave the children an Easter egg hunt which was followed by a flannelgraph story telling about the first Easter.

"We have many projects here and about our church but one which we are excited about is our newest project. The girls have felt led to go to other churches in our District to encourage their young ladies to begin their own YWMC group. They hope to accomplish this through testimony and fellowship."

We were thrilled with this letter and as can be seen in the picture, the girls made and designed their new "Y" dresses.

### News From The Easters

Eldon and Neva Easter, missionaries to Honduras write us of 634 people making decisions for Christ. The Sunday School attendance has risen from 227 to 572 in Tegucigalpa. There are now seven new preaching points in the capital of Honduras. This is all the result of special campaigns held with Brother Paul Finkinbinder and Brother Arthur Lindvall. We rejoice with them.

They also had a lovely visit from Brother and Sister Hodges of Springfield.



## WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON  
President



### NEWS FROM DALE AND MYRNA LEE AND LITTLE DANA



Here is how a missionary feels as she arrives on the mission field and uses things provided from home. Dale and Myrna Lee are missionaries to Upper Volta Africa. Here is part of a letter received from them recently: "... Dana is nearing two years old. A few of her things have become too small so I got into her barrel. Tears came to my eyes as I saw and appreciated such beautiful things that had been provided for her. During our days of packing my eyes must have been blind, my thoughts full of the count. How precious my storeroom has come to be as I see the beauty of the love and concern that has gone into our things. When I open a can, change the sheets, see the beautiful work on the pillow slips, all my everyday concerns are filled with a new and wonderful appreciative bond.

"It wasn't so much before that I didn't realize and appreciate the value of these things, as it was that I didn't fully realize the great uniting power of Christ to the task He has given us. We cannot be credited with progress here for at home the prayers ascend in our behalf, at home folk are giving sacrificially to send us here, at home your ladies are joyfully sharing love and donating talent."

### LADIES HOLIDAY

Our Ladies' Retreat at Bethany is always looked forward to with great anticipation. This year's Retreat is scheduled for August 5-8 at Bethany Park. The first service will be Monday at 7 p.m.

This is a time of spiritual refreshing, relaxation, informative workshops and fellowship.

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### SPECIAL WMC MEETING IN TURLOCK

The "Lillian Trasher" group picnic of Bethel Temple W.M.C. in Turlock, was held in a lovely park beside the Merced river.

After a delicious lunch of fried chicken and other goodies we formed a circle with Mrs. Ruth Fliflet in the center.

Mrs. Fliflet is one of our own members, who with her husband made a trip to Brazil to visit their daughter and son-in law, Doris and John Lemos. It was a real joy to have her for our picnic speaker.

First we were told of their trip. It was so nice seeing Walter and Ruth Erickson at the Peruvian Airport and what a reunion upon leaving the plane in Rio de Janeiro! We could almost see Doris and John and the children, all trying to hug Mother and Dad at once.

At the Bible School there was much to be done to get the new chapel ready for the Fall opening in March. Mr. Fliflet had this in mind when he set out for Brazil and his skill as a carpenter was soon to be greatly appreciated.

Mother Fliflet helped where ever she could, to "lift the load" for Doris who was over burdened with the many cares and responsibilities that naturally fall on the Director's wife.

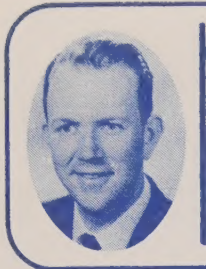
Sitting there under the canopy of trees with the songs of birds for background music, we learned much that was new and interesting about the customs of the people, the Bible School, its leaders, teachers and students. We were told of the efficient Printing department, responsible for supplying all the literature needed in Brazil and other countries.

At the close of our sister's inspiring report we found it easy to lift our voices in praise to the Lord for our dedicated missionaries and to pray God's blessings upon them and their work for Him.

by Olga Felton,  
President

What About This Rebellious Generation? . . . . . Attend the Council on Evangelism in St. Louis, Mo. August 26-29, 1968





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BERENT N. KNUTSEN  
Director



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN OUR CHANGING SOCIETY

About three years ago we came to the conclusion that our Sunday Morning Sunday School was not reaching the children of our city and that perhaps expecting the children to come to our church from many different parts of our city was poor thinking and bad evangelism. After serious study of the problem and consulting other organizations which have been making an effort to evangelize children outside of the Institutional Sunday School, we came to the conclusion that the first step would be to put a full time Director

of Evangelism on our staff. One year ago last February we did this and have been taking our Religious Education Program to mainly primaries and juniors throughout the city on any day of the week and at any time that opportunity affords. In this way we have been able to reach up to 150 children per week at this time, which we would not be reaching within the walls of our Church Sunday School.

This has also been a blessing to many other departments as well because we use the young people to

### PLUS TEN PHASE TWO

We are most grateful to the Lord for the increase he is giving to the Sunday Schools of our District. We believe it is because our churches have endeavored to set God-Sized Goals and God has matched their faith with increase.

In a few weeks your church will be asked to set new goals for 1968-69. As you join with your pastor and superintendent in this effort of evangelism and outreach, your goal will be met.

Each month a report is sent to the pastor and superintendent telling of the growth of the churches that have reported to the District. Below are the early arrivals for May. Encourage your superintendent to send in your report.

#### CHURCH

Elk Grove Assembly of God  
Hawthorne, Nevada Assembly of God  
Windsor Assembly of God  
Orleans Assembly of God  
Alameda First Assembly  
Dixon Assembly of God  
Fallon, Nevada, Assembly of God  
Chico Pleasant Valley Assembly  
Covelo Assembly of God  
Willits First Assembly  
Gustine Assembly of God  
Stockton Lincoln Neighborhood  
Castro Valley Calvary  
Lincoln Assembly  
Anderson First Assembly  
Sparks, Nevada Assembly of God  
Olivehurst First Assembly  
El Sobrante Central Assembly  
Santa Rosa First Assembly  
Fairfield Glad Tidings  
Sacramento Trinity  
Las Vegas Trinity Temple  
Fremont First Assembly

#### AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

May 1967	May 1968
31	63
33	23
40	65
42	62
42	87
49	57
56	106½
60	80
61	114
68	81
106	132
128	142
131	158
178	208
181	218
215	262
218	256
239	269
244	378
266	288
278	287
342	381
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teach in many cases and this develops their spiritual ability.

The next step that we plan is going to be launched, the Lord willing, during the summer months. This will be to conduct Sunday School classes throughout the city on Sunday mornings between the hours of 8 and 9. Our high school students will be

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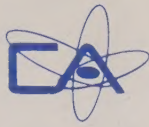
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used as teachers and in many cases their own homes will be used as Sunday School classes.

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# CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

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# HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

At the recent Bethany Bible College graduation Wheeler Anderson was awarded a degree for having successfully completed his studies there. Besides his studies Reverend Anderson has conducted missionary services or participated in missionary conventions almost every weekend during his furlough. The Andersons hope to be able to complete contacting their supporting churches in the next few weeks. Their next assignment will be to establish an Assemblies of God Press in Liberia, West Africa. They will return to Africa for their fifth term about mid-1968.

## IN APRIL DAVID LIM . . .

. . . returned from his language studies in Hong Kong. On April 14 a special service was conducted by R. A. Wilson in which Brother Lim was installed as pastor of the Chinese Christian Center in San Francisco. Mrs. Lula Baird continues to be the director of the Chinese works in this District.

## APPRECIATION

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the District Office staff and the many ministers and friends for their expressions of kindness and sympathy during our bereavement in the loss of our son and brother, Felipe.

Mrs. Antonette Johnson  
Bernhard Johnson Family

## A NEW ADDRESS? . . .

. . . Yes, Donnel and Venda McLean are launching into their third pioneer work. After an initial campaign in Susaki in June they will begin a summer of rural evangelism, following up in areas where they have distributed literature all winter. Two teams of Japanese pastors will help in the eight campaigns mostly in isolated areas with no other possible chance of their hearing the Gospel.

Next will come Bible Camp, and V.B.S.'s for younger ones in August. With fall comes a return to extensive literature distribution.

The McLean's address is Yamatesoo, 3-6, 2-Chome, Hara Machi, Susaki Shi, Koochi Ken, Japan.

## ELY, NEVADA . . .

. . . Pastor Dunn reports, "The over all picture at present looks better than it has since we came. The spiritual tide of the church is rising and the people have a mind to work. The

## DAVIS DEDICATES—MINUTEMAN PROJECT PROSPERS

In 1965, the Home Missions Department decided to put a Minuteman church in Davis, California.

Davis was the home of the State Agricultural College for many years. The town itself was small. With the expansion of the State university system Davis was made a full university. New college buildings were erected with many new dormitories. The little town began to grow and is now a busy little city.

The first step the Home Missions Department took was to buy a building which up to that time had been a privately owned church. It was small but it was a place to start.

Reverend Melvin Johnson who had been the editor of the Glad Tidings Magazine with his wife Sharon who was the District Office bookkeeper and both graduates of Bethany Bible College were chosen as the first pastors. The Neighborhood Church in Modesto where Roy

standing record of the Sunday School was recently broken."

The strike at the mines has been settled and the congregation at Ely are looking forward with confidence to the future.

## THE ELMER BUENOS . . .

. . . will conduct a campaign in San Jose, Costa Rica in July in cooperation with the local churches and Northern California youth. They hope to start a church in the part of the city where 65% of the population now live without an evangelical church. Their foreign address is Apartado 840, San Jose, Costa Rica, C.A.

Blakeley pastors decided to pay the pastor's salary so he could give his full time to the church. God blessed and it was not long until the congregation was too large for the building.

Two acres on the Woodland Highway were secured and a building program was launched. Money from the Minuteman Loan Fund financed the project. After seeing the building well toward completion, Reverend Johnson resigned to go back to college. Reverend John Blakeley became the new pastor and under his leadership the building was completed.

The church was officially dedicated on May 26, 1968. There is now a good congregation who are carrying most of their own financial load. The pastors and congregation are to be commended for a job well done. The Home Missions Board has completed another project.



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## COUNCIL ON EVANGELISM

### WHAT IS THE COUNCIL ON EVANGELISM?

... It is a holy convocation, a spiritual blowing of the trumpets! It will be a time of examining and affirming our mission as a church. Let the trumpets sound! The day of the Lord is at hand! The Assemblies of God must take its position in the vanguard of God's great Army! Let us be at the Council on Evangelism to get up-to-the-minute marching orders from our Great Commander!

### FIVE-YEAR PLAN OF ADVANCE . . .

... A fifteen-man committee, representing every segment of the Movement, has spent weeks in soul-searching and examining our church, both from a historical viewpoint and in projecting future plans of advance. An intensive study has been made of our strengths and weaknesses. The committee has been analyzing our reason for being and seeking to determine from a Biblical perspective what our mission should be. During the Council we will hear the report of this Committee on Advance. The Council will project a Five-Year Plan of Advance which will contain broad but definite objectives and suggestions for the first year's implementation. The Council will chart our future course.

### DAILY SEMINARS . . .

... The daily seminars will be designed to set forth many important phases contained in our mission in today's world. Then there will be time to discuss each subject when you can express your feelings and convictions. Each discussion will be carefully recorded and the results used in two ways. First, all the messages, seminar presentations, discussions, et cetera, will be edited into a book and made available to everyone after the Council. Second, the findings of all discussions will be used by the Committee on Advance as they continue their indepth study of the Assemblies of God. You will have a chance to be heard and to help set the course for the future.

JIM and Charlotte GRAMS of Brazil write, "It has been exciting to finally be in our new home and we want to give special thanks to each of you for the part you had in making it possible."

The Bible School is in full swing and Jim is busy with Historical Bible Geography while Charlotte has a typing class. They say, "It is thrilling beyond words to have a vital part in the lives of some 65 potential Christian workers."

There are more students to be trained but there is no more room. The Bible School building has come to a stop because there is no more money. Prayer is requested that this need will be met.

### HAL AND NAOMI LEHMANN . . .

... write from Ghana, W. Africa, "Since our arrival we have already visited all our Northern Stations. We have almost all of the fourth quarter Dagbani Sunday School lesson manuscripts finished and Naomi is typing them for our press. How wonderful it is to be back and into the work!"

### THE JAMES STEWARTS . . .

... ministered in a packed tent soon after their arrival back in South Africa. In spite of a severe storm, hundreds of young people between the ages of 16 and 25 were at the altar.

Because of the inflated economy there, they have many adjustments to make. Also, their house is so small it is inadequate for the family and they have an immediate need for \$500 to provide for an addition for sleeping quarters for the boys.

### THE JAMES BAKERS OF TAIWAN . . .

... write that the 'priority project' in their field now is the reorganization of their Bible School. They are in dire need of trained workers as well as prayer and financial support.

After a summer of camp meeting, District Council, C. A. Camp, vacation schools and evangelistic meetings they plan to leave for furlough by the end of August. The Robert Chou family has now joined them in Tainan and Brother Chou is taking more and more responsibility. He was a member of their Bible School's first graduating class and is now an experienced pastor.



## Robert Carrington Honored

The District Executive Presbyters and their wives honored Reverend and Mrs. Robert Carrington at a dinner on June 5th, at which time a plaque was presented to Reverend Carrington by Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart in appreciation for the eight years he served as a District Executive Presbyter.

Due to the many responsibilities continually thrust upon a busy Pastor of a large and growing congregation, Reverend Carrington felt that he could no longer serve as an Executive Presbyter when his term expired in May. He is succeeded by the Reverend Don Annas of Manteca.



## HOLDCROFT

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at Pacific School of Religion, Stanford University, and University of California at Berkeley.

While at Bethany, Dr. Holdcroft has lectured in subjects including Logic, Ethics, Greek, Psychology, Theology, Biology, Bible, Philosophy, Drama and Spanish. Several sets of class notes have been published in book form, with the following titles; *Pentateuch*, *Historical Books*, *Synoptic Gospels*, *The Holy Spirit*, and most recently *Divine Healing*.

In 1955 Holdcroft was named Dean of Education. After Bethany was regionally accredited in 1966, he was also made Vice-President of the College.

In addition to his academic responsibilities, Dr. Holdcroft has for the past nine years served as pastor of the Craig Memorial Chapel on the College campus. The Chapel has, along with its regular services and educational activities, produced a weekly radio broadcast reaching the Monterey Bay area.

Dr. Holdcroft, his wife Ruth, and daughters Cynthia, Althea, and Sylvia are making final preparations for their move from Bethany Park to their new home in Canada.

# REDWOOD CAMP ADULT CAMP MEETING

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## Redwood Camp - C. A. Camp—ages 12-up

Monday, July 22 to Sat., July 27, 1968

Speaker is Rev. Travis Freeman of Cleveland, Tex. Price of camp is \$21.50 (\$2.00 pre-registration — send to Rev. Eugene Huffman, P.O. Box 76, Weott, Calif. 95571) C.A. Sectional Rep.

## Redwood Camp—Boys & Girls ages 9-12

Monday, July 29 to Sat., Aug. 3, 1968

Speaker is Mrs. Loretta Kaupanger of Santa Cruz, Calif. Price of Camp is \$19.50. (\$2.00 pre-registration to Rev. Richard Waters, P.O. Box 236, Rio Dell, Calif. 95562)



## LADIES HOLIDAY

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The evening evangelist will be Mrs. Fern Olson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Olson is well-known throughout the world and is an outstanding preacher. Rev. Bob Willis, pastor in Sunnyvale and formerly of Texas will be our morning speaker. And, of course, we will have opportunities to hear many of our missionaries who are home on furlough.

You will not only go home refreshed and relaxed but also chucked full of ideas that are to be presented in the various workshops. Especially of interest to all of us will be the presentation of a brand new project that our District WMC's will be undertaking.

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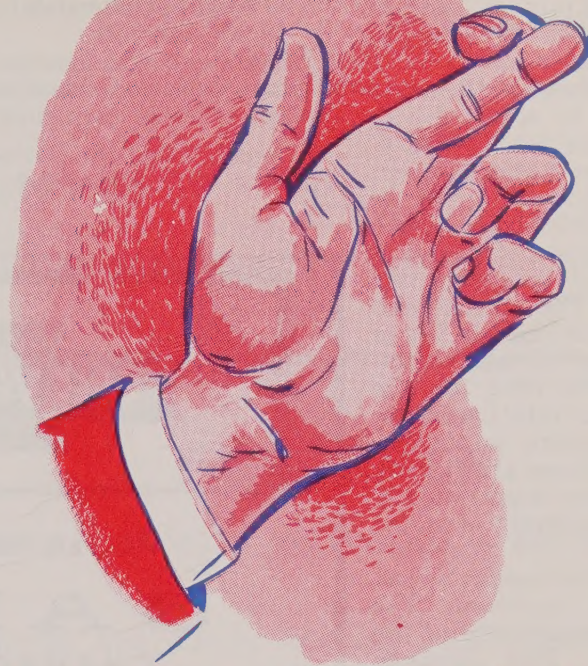
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## Three Essentials For Your Sunday School

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The weight of Christian instruction weighs more heavily upon the Sunday School than ever before. If our nation is to receive Christian instruction, it will be accomplished, in main, through the Sunday School. With this in mind, our attention and consideration should be given to three essentials:

1. *A more professional approach to Sunday School administration must be achieved.* The spiritual and moral destiny of our children lies in the administration of our educational program. We need to take time to evaluate our total operation, be it building teachers, or curriculum. We cannot assume that we are doing a good job; we must candidly appraise and objectively evaluate our efforts.

2. *The image of the Sunday School teacher must be improved.* The teacher is the extended arm of the pastor's ministry. This demands careful enlistment. Before teachers are selected, it must be established that they share in the burden for the church and the society in which they live. Great educators have told us that the teacher is ninety per cent of the curriculum.

3. *Teachers must be helped to improve themselves.* Too many of our teachers are "enlisted in the halls." They are called upon to fill a vacancy and often with little personal help.

We all agree to the importance of giving individual attention to the pupil, but how often is individual attention given to our teachers? Our Teachers' Curriculum Commission under the leadership of Roy Schmidt reports that most of our teachers need a refresher course in the basics of teaching, and an available library for personal study.

In addition, it was recommended that every church start a library. Workers' Training Courses which have been made available over the past years, the Department Workers' Handbook, and the following books were recommended:

The Bible Doctrines, P. C. Nelson  
Survey of the Bible, H. Mears  
The Ministry of Witness, Sisemore  
Knowing the Pupil, Solderhorn  
Improving Teaching in the Sunday School, Dobbins

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The Ways of Understanding God's Word, Ashcroft  
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(These will be available through the District Office in September.)

It was felt that the Basic Teacher Training Course taught in each of

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN OUR CHANGING SOCIETY

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that some day will come other churches in San Francisco. Our feeling that this is probably one of the best ways to reach our generation has been enhanced. In consultation with a leader of one of the largest protestant denominations it was stated that after study in depth with a committee in his denomination it was decided that the only way the church would be effective in our generation would be to get away from the Sunday concept and think in terms of a week day concept of religion. Further, he said, not to think in terms of the Institutional Church as the answer to the evangelism of our people but to use it as a base from which many activities could be conducted in homes, store buildings, parks and beaches, using our young people and young adults alike for the spreading of the Gospel in as many ways and means as possible.

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